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1. Check out **NJPEP_POnline** summer courses at:
<http://www.nj.gov/education/njpep/pd/onlinePD/index.html>.
2. **The National Staff Development Council Annual Conference** (<http://www.njstaffdevelopment.org/PDF's/May%2019%20NJSDC%20flyer.pdf>) will occur **May 19, 2008** in **Edison, NJ**.
3. **TeachTechNJ** (<http://www.teachtechnj.org/>) is dedicated to recruiting individuals for teaching Technology Education in New Jersey. This site includes information for high school and college students, people changing careers, and educators. There is also a jobs board link.
4. The **National Academies** (<http://www.nas.edu/podcast/>) provide podcasts in all areas of science, engineering, medicine and technology.
5. **Free** video-on-demand, courses and resources for teachers are available from **Annenberg Media** (<http://www.learner.org/>).

Professional Development

1. **Answer Workshops** from Rutgers University are available for the **2007-2008 school year**. These health professional development workshops focus on sex education (elementary through high school). For more information, visit: <http://answer.rutgers.edu/course>.
2. **The Big 5: Making Healthy Choices** - This nutrition and physical activity curriculum training for middle school health teachers will take place in:

Northern New Jersey	Southern/central New Jersey
Date: April 25, 2008	Date: May 16, 2008
Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Place: Morristown Memorial Hospital Training Center, Morris Plains, NJ	Place: Robert Wood Johnson Conference Center, Mercerville, NJ
3. **Math Standards Clarification/Revision Conference** (<http://www.amtnj.org/conference/index.php>) will take place **April 14, 2008** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Jamesburg, New Jersey.
4. **New Jersey Audubon Society (NJAS)** (<http://www.njaudubon.org/Education/ProfDevOverview.html>) offers place-based professional development for school districts using ecosystem education as the focal point for teaching science standards.
5. The **New Jersey Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission** (<http://www.njitalia.nj.gov/>) will sponsor a workshop for K-12 teachers on **April 17, 2008**. The workshop theme is: The Universality of Italian Heritage Curriculum. To register, contact the NJ Italian and Italian American Heritage Commission at info@iahi.rutgers.edu or call Melissa Wells at (732) 932-0670 ext. 13.
6. **Pro/ENGINEER Workshops for grade 6-12 teachers** (http://www.nj.gov/education/aps/cccs/tech/ettc_engpro.pdf) - For more information, contact Dawna Schultz at Stevens Institute of Technology at dawna.schultz@stevens.edu or visit www.stevens.edu/ciese/eofnj.
7. Visit the **Rutgers World Language Institute page** (<http://wli.rutgers.edu/wli.php?page=home>) to find out about Summer 2008 course offerings.
8. **The Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey Spring Teachers' Workshop** (<http://www.stanj.org/eventslist.html>) will take place **April 11, 2008**.
 - **Time:** 9:30-1:00
 - **Location:** Montclair State University



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New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards:

<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/cccs/>

Contact Information for Core Curriculum Content Standards:

<http://www.nj.gov/njed/aps/contact.htm>

Professional Standards:

<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/>

Contact Information for Professional Standards:

<http://www.nj.gov/njed/profdev/contact.shtml>

Evaluation and Assessment:

<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/>

Contact Information for Evaluation and Assessment:

<http://www.nj.gov/njed/assessment/contact.shtml>

Selected Classroom Resources

1. Celebrate **Arbor Day** on **April 25, 2008** with classroom activities and other resources provided by the Arbor Day Foundation (<http://www.arborday.org/kids/>).
2. Find information about a **free DVD** (<http://stosselintheclassroom.org/>) to help build **critical thinking skills** from John Stossel at the Center for Independent Thought and ABC News (with related teacher guides).
3. **Lee and Grant at Appomattox Court House** (http://www.pbs.org/civilwar/classroom/lesson_appomattox.html) - This PBS lesson is a part of a series of middle and high school social studies resources. It is designed to enrich classroom study of the Civil War and United States history and culture.
4. April is **National Poetry Month**. Check out online events with published poets, classroom activities, writing opportunities, and various other poetry resources from **Scholastic's Teach Now** (http://teacher.scholastic.com/lessonrepro/k_2theme/poetry.htm).
5. **Journey North: Spring 2008** (<http://www.learner.org/jnorth/season/>) uses online media to teach science and math.
6. Find more than 1,200 educational resources (including lesson plans) from the **Smithsonian Education** Web site (<http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/>). Check out the **Educators'** page.

Parents and Students

1. **Build a Solar System** (http://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/solar_system/) - Make a scale model of the solar system and learn the real definition of "space."
2. **Jamestown Online Adventure** (<http://www.historyglobe.com/flash.html#a1>) - The year is 1607. You are the captain of the Jamestown Colony in Virginia in this Flash-based historical simulation. Will your colony survive and prosper or will it become another "Lost Colony"? This unique game was created by History Globe as a learning activity for elementary and middle school history/social studies students.
3. Learn what makes weather wet and wild, do cool activities, and become hot at forecasting the weather on **Web Weather for Kids** (<http://eo.ucar.edu/webweather/>)!
4. **Yukon Butterflies** (<http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/schools/jackhulland/projects/butterflies/>) - Watch an online metamorphosis and learn about the life-cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly.

